

safe environment with loving American families. It was during these very emotional moments Mr. Bannis heroically united families but never wavered from his sworn duty of upholding the law as a field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. His heroic actions will afford countless orphaned children an opportunity to build a better life in the wake of this tragedy.

Today I wish to recognize Mr. Bannis' extraordinary leadership. I commend him and his colleagues of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for their selfless sacrifices and service to protect the most vulnerable victims of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.●

REMEMBERING REAR ADMIRAL LEROY COLLINS, JR.

● Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I wish to give special recognition to the life and work of a friend and fellow Floridian, former U.S. Navy RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr. I had the pleasure of working closely with Admiral Collins during my time with the Governor's office and more recently on federal issues improving health care for veterans. He was a fifth-generation Floridian who came from a long line of public servants and will always be remembered for his commitment to the military community and our State.

A native of Tallahassee, FL, LeRoy Collins received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1956 and began a long career with the Navy. His first tour was aboard the amphibious transport USS *Calvert*, followed by a Submarine Officer's Basic Course in Groton, CT. Later, he served aboard the submarine USS *Chivo*. Through hard work, dedication and sacrifice, LeRoy earned the rank of rear admiral.

Admiral Collins served as an analyst for Naval Intelligence in Washington, DC and as a ballistic missile weapons officer aboard the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine USS *James Madison*. After a brief tour working missile test operations at Naval Ordnance Training Unit in Cape Canaveral, he transferred to the Navy Reserve in 1966.

While a naval reservist, Admiral Collins served as commanding officer of the coastal minesweeper USS *Thrush* and later as commander of various Navy Reserve submarine units. During his time, he was the Navy's liaison to the Florida National Guard and also commanding officer of the Navy liaison unit at U.S. Readiness Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, FL.

The admiral served as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region 8 and later as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Reserve) for Logistics, Pentagon, until his retirement from the Navy Reserve as a two-star rear admiral in October, 1990.

Throughout his service in the Navy Reserve, Admiral Collins was also a

businessman. He spent time with the Florida Power & Light Company and IBM. He was the founding president of Financial Transaction Systems, Inc., and president of Telecredit Service Center, Inc. In addition, he served as president of Dynamic Realty of Tampa, Inc., was chairman of Gateway Holdings, Inc., and served as president of the Armed Forces Financial Network.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Admiral Collins, a pillar of our great State, for his service to our Nation and his commitment to helping Florida's veterans. His work for Florida's veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and well-being will be greatly missed.

Admiral Collins served his country diligently, with pride, and with honor. On behalf of all Floridians, and specifically the nearly 1.8 million veterans who call Florida home, I thank him for his service and know he will be greatly missed.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE AUSTIN HAY

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I congratulate and honor George Austin Hay on his recent retirement as a multimedia specialist for the U.S. Department of Transportation, DOT. As a former resident of, and originally from, Johnstown, PA, Mr. Hay's 37 years with the Federal Highway Administration capped an extraordinary career of 55 years of public service with the Federal Government. He has distinguished himself as a truly dedicated public servant.

Mr. Hay joined the Department of Defense in 1955 as a motion picture producer and casting director at the Department's Army Pictorial Center in Astoria, New York—the most expansive government film facility and, at that time, the fourth largest studio and sound stage in the world. There he produced Army training films, Government documentaries, and Defense Department short subjects. While employed at the Department of Defense, Mr. Hay had the privilege of working with some of Hollywood's best, including Paul Newman, Edward R. Murrow, Ed Asner, Henry Fonda, Gene Hackman, Dick Cavett, and Ronald Reagan, all of whom Mr. Hay hired for military training films. He also developed a friendship with Walter Cronkite.

In 1973, Mr. Hay was called to Washington to fill the shoes of the retiring chief of the Federal Highway Administration's photographic section. While at the Federal Highway Administration, Mr. Hay produced his crowning achievement in film: "Highways of History." This film narrative depicts the history of transportation in the United States. The film has been shown on television and has been distributed to high schools and universities with an estimation of more than 1 million viewers over the last 30 years.

As a multimedia specialist, Mr. Hay was involved with an extensive photo and illustration search program. He

has researched information to describe hundreds of selected images showing excellence in highway design, outstanding bridge structures, and multimodal transportation. Mr. Hay was also responsible for historical exhibits, and was widely known for his wealth of knowledge about the Federal Highway Administration's history, as well as the history of America's roadways. As an integral part of the publishing and visual communications team, he has written numerous fascinating articles that chronicle the development of our modern transportation system.

In his spare time, Mr. Hay has also appeared as an extra in more than 100 movies. His film credits include walking beside Cary Grant in the Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece, "North by Northwest." Today, Mr. Hay continues to act as an extra, averaging two films per year.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hay's outstanding efforts have enhanced DOT's public image by bringing positive transportation messages to citizens across the Nation. His multimedia products have depicted significant historical events and garnered widespread attention, as well as notable commendations. His fascinating articles, films, and exhibits have chronicled the development of our modern transportation system. His work demonstrates an extraordinary ability to harness knowledge about DOT's history, as well as the history of America's transportation system. Mr. Hay has provided an invaluable service for many years, and his achievements will have a lasting legacy.●

GANN VALLEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Gann Valley, SD. Founded in 1885, the town of Gann Valley will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Buffalo County, Gann Valley is a small yet steadfast community that embodies the spirit of South Dakota. Gann Valley's proximity to the Missouri River has made this town a great location for outdoor adventures, such as fishing, camping, and boating. Gann Valley has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions.

Gann Valley will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with a celebration held from July 30 through August 1, featuring events such as a wagon train, parade, buffalo chip throwing, rooster roping, live minnow races, and a street dance. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Gann Valley on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BERRY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Robert Berry, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me,